

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this Application and entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested. Claims 1-28 are currently pending in this application. Applicants thank Examiner Swartz for his withdrawal of the objections to the specification and figures.

Double Patenting

Claims 6-10 and 17-28 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,752,993 and claims 1-5 and 11-16 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,818,223.

Applicants hereby submit terminal disclaimers over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,752,993 and 6,818,223. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections of claims 1-28 over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,752,993 and 6,818,223 be withdrawn.


Conclusion

Applicant asserts that claims 1-28 are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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